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INDUSTRIALISM LOOKS UP.

It is gratifying to note, from time to time, instances of a growing tendency among young Hawaiians who have done well at school to take up industrial occupations. There is abundance of evidence that the natives make good mechanics. That Hawaiian young men are aspiring to the higher grades of mechanical industry—those upon and within the borders of the professional, such as designing and engineering—is a good sign of the times. It is among the best evidences of the efficiency of the primary education our schools afford that the minds of the brighter run of pupils should acquire such a bent. Our Maui correspondent pays a compliment to the schools, as well as to the pupils, when he says: "These Hawaiian boys believe that the present is a mechanical age and that the professions are overcrowded." A most intelligent conclusion. Among the private schools the Kamehameha group and the Hilo Boarding School are doing a great work in sending Hawaiian boys out, some to swell the ranks of honest industry at once and others to go abroad for higher equipment in industrial capacity. What the Hilo institution is doing may be judged to some extent from an extract elsewhere from its catalogue, telling about the practical share its pupils have had in the construction of its new buildings. Of the public schools there are Lahainaluna and the Boys' Industrial School especially, which are bound to return constantly increasing results of value in the upbuilding of Hawaiian industrialism. The latter as the reformatory institution is doing a double service, in its reformatory and training functions. One of the greatest advances made by both public and private schools, wherein industrial training is a feature, in recent years consists in the increased recognition of the fact that competent instructors are an essential element. Too much it was the case formerly that teachers with but a poor smattering of skill in the things to be taught essayed to train the pupils in useful arts. The result was often that the boy, when turned out to make a living at the trade he had supposedly acquired, had a great deal to learn and much more to unlearn before he could take his place in the skilled class of workmen. In some cases the boys would throw up handiwork in disgust and look for a store clerkship or something else that looked easy. Industrial education in Hawaii is now doing better with a class of instructors who know themselves what they teach and who have scientific training in their respective lines of instruction.

PROMOTION AMIDST RECUPERATION.

Promotion work in California has not been suffered to lapse on account of the San Francisco disaster. On the contrary it seems to have been stimulated by the exigencies of that event. In a bulletin of progress issued by the California Promotion Committee on June 30, that body announces its achievement of a new home in one of the 2000 to 3000 temporary structures of the city. During the month of June 656 building permits were issued, and at the date mentioned nearly 25,000 men were employed at reconstruction work. This bulletin shows that the California promotionists are alive to the value of the dissemination of facts relating not only to the rehabilitation of the commercial metropolis but to the general conditions of the State's welfare.

"Banks report ample funds and good business," the bulletin says, "and financial institutions give indisputable evidence of their soundness. The clearings of San Francisco for the month amounted to \$121,677,692.77 as against \$134,836,632.88 for the same period in 1905, showing a decrease of but about 9 per cent., still keeping in the position of the seventh commercial city of the nation."

"Railroads entering the State report that the regular summer tide of travel is setting westward with little abatement of volume. The tonnage of foreign vessels entering San Francisco port during June amounted to 60,138."

"Industrial conditions throughout the State are good, with strong demand for labor. Reports show that with the exception of apricots there will be an increased yield of all crops with good demand. Fruit farms in all parts of the State have furnished labor to thousands of men and women rendered homeless by the fire and are still in need of more."

All of which indicates considerable substance to the cloud's silver lining whereat Hawaii, whose relations with California are of vital nature, has great cause to rejoice.

OUR PUBLIC SEA BATH.

In making the newly acquired beach property at Kapiolani Park free to bathers who provide their own suits and towels, the Board of Supervisors of Oahu County did a stroke of business in keeping with advanced ideas of social science. William H. Hale, Ph. D., superintendent of the public bath system of Brooklyn, before the section of social and economic science of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Ithaca, N. Y., this month, read a paper on the subject of public baths. Dr. Hale said:

"Whatever may be thought of other matters, it seems to me that any system of free public baths is a most important and beneficent exercise of municipal ownership, conducing as it does to public health and utility and public morals. The five public baths in Brooklyn were used by 1,500,000 persons last summer."

Further the essayist is reported in a telegraphic summary as saying that it was doubtful whether public funds could in any better way be expended than by the cleansing of the people in these baths, and its generally ameliorating effect. It was the testimony of the attendants at one of the Brooklyn baths that it had a distinctly perceptible effect, not only in improving the health, but also in elevating the moral tone of the community in that immediate neighborhood.

What a power for social betterment, then, ought there not be reposing in Honolulu's free ocean bathing ground, since the benefits are not limited by season but perennial! Here upon smooth and graduated bottom is pure sea brine, at bland temperature the year round, wherein everybody without charge may luxuriously splurge.

What is the matter with the law that holds employers responsible for the personal taxes of their employees, when such a large proportion of the Japanese on Maui as reported are snapping their fingers at the tax collector? Aside from the law in question, what do the editors of the Japanese papers think of their delinquent countrymen? In their English columns they have a great deal to say—sometimes of a sort the justice of which fair-minded Americans can acknowledge—about the rights of the Japanese population. It might be interesting to know if, in their own vernacular columns, they enjoy upon their readers the importance of due obedience to the laws of the country that furnishes them employment, homes and protection of the laws. Fair-minded Americans have stoutly maintained, against a considerable uprising of prejudice, the duty of this American commonwealth to give the children of Japanese living here the full benefit of the public schools. In bestowing this privilege upon all nationalities alike the Territory has to open new schools and enlarge old ones, to a great extent because of the increasing number of Japanese children pressing into the public schools. By evading and resisting the payment of their poll taxes the grownup Japanese are fanning the embers of prejudice against the admission of their children to the American privilege of free education. The same course must also have some tendency to create a difficulty of obtaining unprejudiced jurors for the trial of either criminal or civil causes in which Japanese are interested.

When Mr. Bonine's moving and panoramic views taken in these Islands are shown around the world, it will be known to the inhabitants thereof that there is some scenery and some life in Hawaii worth traveling far to see. This piece of promotion work is surely one of the best yet. Indeed, there are thousands of people living here who will know more about the wonders of the Islands after seeing an exhibition of Mr. Bonine's reproductions of them than ever before they dreamed of knowing.

Maui is claimed as safe for the Republicans. If so, it is up to the Republicans that Maui shall be safe in their hands. The same proposition holds true of Oahu and the Republics. It is not the triumphs of a party which count, but the things wherein a party triumphs.

Welcome George Lyeurgus to American citizenship. These are times when Spartan blood makes a good blend with Americanism.

HONORS PAID OUR BAND IN SALT LAKE

The Hawaiian Band certainly captivated Salt Lake City. Letters received from there tell of the enjoyment the Zionists had of dancing to the music of the band, with hulas for two-steps, at Saltair pavilion, a novelty of which many had heard but few experienced except they came to Honolulu. It is said that the visit of the band has increased the interest of the people there in Hawaii and that next winter a crowd of Salt Lakers will come down here to see the Islands and again listen to the band. As far as Salt Lake is concerned the band did good promotion work. The Salt Lake Tribune has the following account of the Tabernacle organ recital in honor of the band:

The Royal Hawaiian band were the guests of honor at a delightful recital yesterday morning at the Tabernacle, given by direction of President Joseph F. Smith and the counselors of the church. The recital was a private one, only about twenty-five guests being invited. The program was very artistic, the well-known hymn, "Oh, My Father," being on one side, written in the Hawaiian language. The back of the card bore a sketch of the harbor at Honolulu, with the words, "Home, Sweet Home."

In the absence of Prof. J. J. McClellan, Walter J. Poulton presided at the organ, playing the prelude to Lohengrin, Nocturne E flat, Chopin; "Adagio," Markel; "Old Melody"; Walter's prize song from "Der Meistersinger," Wagner; "March Triumphant" and "America."

Miss Emma Lucy Gates, the well-known young singer, was the vocalist of the morning, and delighted the audience and guests of honor with her beautiful rendition of "Oh, My Father," in Hawaiian. In response to a hearty encore, Miss Gates sang the favorite, "Pearl of Brazil," with flute accompaniment by Willard Fleishman. So pure and bird-like were the trills that it was at times difficult to separate them from the flute accompaniment.

The song was followed by the Hawaiian national air, the solo parts being sung by Miss Gates, the band standing and singing the chorus. This anthem was composed by Capt. Berger, leader and manager of the organization, who has spent thirty years in the Islands. The guests of honor were enthusiastic in their praise of the organ and the excellent work of Miss Gates, who, when a child of 4 years old spent several years with her parents in the Sandwich Islands.

A quartet, composed of George D. Pyper, H. G. Whitney, H. S. Ensign and J. D. Spencer, sang, "When I Have You," and for an encore the charming little ballad, "Spin, My Daughter, Spin." Walter Smith, a young Mowry boy, a pupil of Prof. Schettler, then played "Medley Fantasia" in a very creditable manner. Dr. James L. Hughes of Canada was one of the guests, and was very much interested in the program and guests of honor.

Mr. James Harrison, a member of the band, sang, with organ accompaniment, "Aloha Oe," the natives joining in the chorus.

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